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Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 11:00 AM

To: 'Sarah Palin'

Cc: Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)

Subject: AMHS / Iditarod - Willow airport

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AMHS

I wanted to report that we are getting very good feedback on the appointment of Jim Beedle to the deputy commissioner position for AMHS. Even Senator Elton had some positive comments.

MEETING WITH IDITAROD COMMITTEE

I believe Leo and Christine are going to meet with the Iditarod Committee next week. They want to let the Committee know that the FAA still objects to the use of the airport for the event and continues to threaten DOT with sanctions. I think Leo and Christine want to offer the following to the Iditarod Committee as a short term 3-5 year solution.

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From: Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=KJREHFELD]

Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 10:31 AM

To: GOV Commissioners; 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)

Cc: GOV Special Assistants; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Brown; Joan A (GOV)

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To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Bailey; Frank T (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Frye; Ivy J (GOV)
Subject: Re: DO NOT FORWARD

Whoa - that's huge. If true, this is the biggest media shake up in AK's recent history, or ever...

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From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2008 17:35:42

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

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Subject: RE: radio station letter

Rosanne, Sharon, Tara, Rhonda and I all met today. They're working through some ideas now...and everyone agreed that we'd focus on the positive aspects. By the way, Woody & Wilcox have now been suspended. Article posted below:

By JULIA O'MALLEY

jomalley@adn.com

(04/15/08 15:04:53)

Woody and Wilcox, morning radio personalities on KBFX "The Fox," were suspended today for a comment made on their show last Wednsday that disparaged Alaska Native women.

The station would not release the text of the comment but said it was a turn on an old axiom about what makes someone an Alaskan. The axiom says that in order to be a real Alaskan, someone has to kill a bear, pee in the Yukon and have sex with a Native woman.

One of the DJs -- the station won't say which -- switched the saying around and made it even more objectionable to at least one woman who heard it and filed a Federal Communications Commission complaint.

The comment, and listeners' angry reactions, hit a nerve inside and outside the Native community, including calls for a boycott from advertisers.

The station, which previously apologized for the comment, posted the following statement on its web site this afternoon:

"KBFX wishes to apologize to everyone in our audience and the community who was offended by the insensitive and inappropriate comments alluding to native women made during the Woody and Wilcox program broadcast on April 9, 2008. As KBFX does not condone racially offensive content in any form, the station has decided to suspend both radio hosts for an indefinite period of time during which they will both participate in sensitivity training. That training will also be made available to all other staff members. Woody and Wilcox's compensation for the period of time they are suspended will be donated to an appropriate charity. We are confident that what was said was an isolated incident, and it in no way reflects the views of KBFX station personnel."

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Subject: Re: More Budget Analysis

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I'll get with the other Sub-cabinet members and take another hard look at the Privileged or Pe Privileged or Persona that made it into the 09 budget. We have a Sub-cabinet meeting scheduled this Friday afternoon.

Larry

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We are continuing to refine the analysis of the budgets - attached is a two-page workbook - the first tab is basically what I sent this morning with minor tweaks in the FY08 Governor Column and the second tab is a comparison of the FY08 starting point to the FY09 Governor's Amended budget and the FY08 starting point to the FY09 Legislature's budget - I was trying to get to Rep. Chenault's statement about a 23% increase. You can get there if you back the supplemental amount out of our December starting point.

However, we did not include tax credits in our spending numbers - so, you will see on the bottom of page 2, a GF comparison without tax credits. We had a 4% overall GF increase in December and ended up with a 7.2% increase - largely due to the adjustments for the bargaining unit agreements, and a couple of large capital requests, $12.5 million for erosion and $8 million for the bullet line.

I hope this is helpful! KJR

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Fyi.

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Cc:"Karen Rehfeld" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>, "Kris Perry"<kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>, "Mike Nizich" <Mike.Nizich@alaska.gov>

Subject: Earmarks/Alaska Congressional Delegation

There isn't much that's new in this = article from E&E. However, I wanted you to see it, because it's = a good summary of the current situation, mentions the Governor by name, = and is what political junkies are talking about in DC.

The article also describes the reasons why the = Congressional delegation is so sensitive to our measured approach on = earmarks. For us here, all of this is background noise, as we are = continuing to advocate for the State budget requests submitted = previously. However, I suspect that the factors articulated in the = article will influence the delegation's ultimate success in this = year's appropriations process.

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CAMPAIGN 2008: Rivals hope to turn Alaska lawmakers' = influence over purse strings into political weakness (= 04/15/2008)

Alex Kaplun, E&E Daily reporter

For decades, Alaska's two senior Republican lawmakers built their = political careers and repeated electoral successes in large part on their = ability to bring federal dollars back to America's largest state.

But with a changing political climate across the country -- and perhaps = more importantly -- the state itself, Sen. Ted Stevens and Rep. Don Young = -- may find that what has long been considered one of their biggest = political advantages may not be much help in perhaps their fiercest = electoral challenges in decades.

Indeed, Democrats hope that the two GOP lawmakers' once-perceived = strength of padding federal legislation with millions of dollars for their = home state will help lead to their downfall. The races are especially = attractive because Stevens and Young were seen as virtually untouchable = just a couple of years ago.

Stevens has been revered as the most popular politician in Alaska = history, praised by local officials as being a one-man economic engine for = the state and repeatedly fighting for Alaska's interests in the four = decades that he has held that post. Young, likewise, has had only a couple = of tough electoral fights since capturing Alaska's lone House seat more = than three decades ago.

During their long tenures on Capitol Hill, the two lawmakers have = secured powerful posts that assured their home state was consistently = among the biggest, if not the very biggest, per capita recipient of = federal dollars -- an achievement that traditionally garnered them praise = in Alaska.

But more recently, Stevens and Young have become the poster children = for anti-earmarking crusaders and fiscal conservatives, who have criticized= the two as being among Congress' biggest "porkers" in part for their = much-publicized efforts to secure hundreds of millions of dollars for two = controversial bridges in their home states.

Normally, such attacks may not have mattered a great deal and political = observers say that no matter how much the two are criticized by interest = groups in the lower 48 states, their political undoing will not be the = earmarks themselves. But they add that the state's somewhat changing = attitude -- led in part by the popular Gov. Sarah Palin (R) -- toward = federal spending may not provide the buffer that it once did for the two = incumbents.

"I think Alaskans in general appreciate being able to tap into the = federal largess and all the benefits for it," said Jerry McBeath, a = University of Alaska-Fairbanks political science professor and an expert = on Alaska politics. "But it was highly embarrassing for Alaskans to be = perceived nationally of milking the federal cow excessively."

Democrats have recruited their preferred candidates to challenge both = incumbents, with former state house Minority Leader Ethan Berkowitz (D) = running against Young and Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich (D) poised to = challenge Stevens. Begich, son of former Rep. Nick Begich (D-Alaska), has = thus far only formed an exploratory committee and has not fully committed = to the campaign, but Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee Chairman = Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) told reporters last week that he expects Begich to = run.

A Rasmussen Reports poll released last week showed Stevens in a virtual = dead heat with Begich, capturing 46 percent of the vote to 45 percent for = the potential challenger. A separate poll conducted by Hays Research in = Alaska showed Young trailing an unnamed Democratic challenger, 41 percent = to 34 percent.

Both Young and Stevens also face primary challenges, though Young's is = viewed as being somewhat more serious since Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell (R) = unexpectedly entered the race last month.

Corruption, earmark investigations

The single biggest problem heading into the election for Young and = Stevens is the

specter of corruption issues hanging above the incumbents' = heads -- in some cases ones related to earmarks.

The FBI and IRS raided Stevens' Alaska home last July to investigate = remodeling work there as a possible link to a bribery case involving oil = services company VECO, and Stevens said the FBI asked him to preserve = records as investigators continue their examination. Stevens' son, former = state Senate President Ben Stevens (R), is also under investigation.

Young has also been embroiled in the VECO scandal as the firm contribute= d heavily to his campaign.

Additionally, Young has faced questions about an earmark that he = secured for a Florida road construction project after accusations surfaced = that he received $41,000 in campaign contributions from a developer who = stood to benefit from the earmark. The Florida lawmaker who represents the = district did not ask for the earmark and Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) intends = to offer an amendment this week on the Senate floor that would setup a = bipartisan commission to investigate the earmark.

Primarily because of those scandals, polls show that the approval = ratings for Stevens falling to about 50 percent and in some cases below 40 = percent for Young.

Already, Young's challengers are taking aim at the long-term incumbent = over his earmark positions.

In a debate last month, candidates from both parties jumped on Young = for both the Florida and the "Bridge to Nowhere" earmarks, accusing the = incumbent of harming the state's reputation. Young, however, said that he = would continue to ask for earmarks and that he is proud of every earmark = he has brought to the state.

Democrats in Washington have also made clear that they intend to attack = Young on the earmark issue, using it to portray the lawmaker as someone = who is an embarrassment to Alaska voters. "People of Alaska have to be = wondering what their congressman is doing getting favors for an intersectio= n in Florida," Maryland Rep. Chris Van Hollen, the Democratic Congressional= Campaign Committee chairman, said last week. "You don't want someone who = is going to embarrass you in Washington, and he's been an embarrassment to = the people of Alaska."

The Alaska Democratic Party has also launched a Web site -- RetireTed.com <http://retireted.com/> -- that highlights = the Bridge to Nowhere and other earmarks as one of the reasons why = Alaskans should vote to remove Stevens, arguing that the earmarks have = been used by Stevens to reward his associates and have shined a negative = light on the state.

Already, it is apparent that lawmakers are responding somewhat to the = changing political climate regarding earmarks. Both Stevens and Sen. Lisa = Murkowski (R-Alaska) earlier this year announced that they would make = public all earmark requests received by their offices.

Stevens, however, has also repeatedly defended Congress' power to = earmark, arguing that it represented an effective way to meet the needs of = the state and that federal agencies would not necessarily do any better = job of spending those dollars. "Those of us that get elected by Alaskans = go and listen to people in boroughs, listen to the state Legislature, = listen to people in the city governments," he said earlier this year. "We = try to get Congress to approve what they ask for and the only way we can = do that is through the earmark process."

And though Stevens and Young supporters acknowledge that the incumbents = could have tougher election cycle this year than in the past, they = maintain that voters will still place substantial value in having = representatives in Washington who know how to secure money for the = state.

"It is still important to Alaskans," said Dave Dittman, an Anchorage-bas= ed pollster who works for Stevens. "They don't like waste in general, but = they don't view the projects for Alaskans to be wasteful."

Beyond the earmarks, Dittman argued that Stevens in particular has = built up goodwill

among the electorate through his constituent work on = behalf of individual residents -- something that is particularly important = for a population that feels far removed from the federal government in = Washington.

"A lot of their strength and support has been not so much what they = could bring to Alaska but they could for Alaskans when they had problems = with the federal government," he said. "When everything went wrong and you = had nowhere else to go and you had to solve a problem, you would go to = Senator Stevens."

Popular Palin

One potential problem in the arguments made by Stevens and Young on the = value of seniority and ability to tap into federal dollars is Palin, who = is enjoying high approval ratings and has called on the state to move away = from heavy reliance on earmarks.

"We can and must continue to develop our economy, because we cannot and = must not rely so heavily on federal government earmarks," Palin said in = her State of the State address earlier this year. "Let us power up and = produce for Alaska and America. We can do this -- we're 50 years old now, = and it's time."

Indeed, Stevens has also said that with Alaska being a state now for = more than 50 years, it may have less need for earmarks. "Stevens several = years ago started telling state officials that it was a harder and harder = sell to bring money to Alaska because the state's development was no = longer young," McBeath said.

At the same time, Stevens has publicly criticized state officials for = seemingly not supporting federal earmarks while not providing alternatives = on how to fund the state's needs.

Political observers say that clash on earmarks represents only part of = the schism that exists between Palin and her allies -- including the = lieutenant governor that is challenging Young -- and the old guard that = has controlled state politics for decades.

It is unclear at this point, just how much that division will hurt = Young and Stevens. Still, observers say that if nothing else the governor's= anti-earmark rhetoric could undermine at least some of their campaign = message.

"There's a huge schism in Alaska Republican politics and that sort of = defines it right there," said Anchorage pollster Anne Hays, whose polls = show Palin's approval ratings at more than 80 percent. "The governor's = numbers have just continued to be off the chart and her position has been = transparency and no earmarks."

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 1:07 PM
To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Subject: Re: Ethics Question re Possible Foreign Processing Request AttyClient/Deliberative Process Privilege

I shall run it by you if it ever comes up. Thank you.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2008 12:32:06

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: FW: Ethics Question re Possible Foreign Processing Request Atty

Client/Deliberative Process Privilege

Dear Governor Palin,

If this comes up please note it should be run by me before any action is taken.
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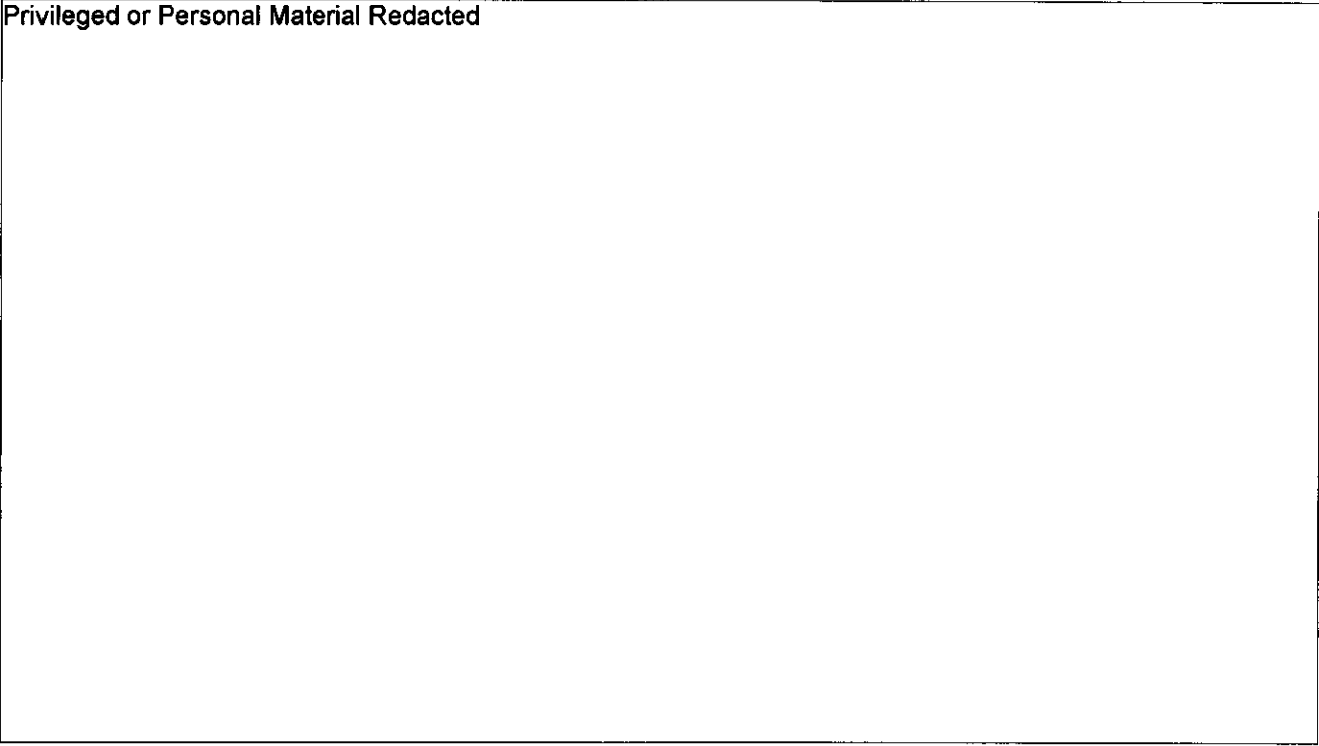
From: Daugherty, Steven A (LAW)

Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 10:21 AM

To: Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Tillery, Craig J (LAW)

Cc: Bockmon, Julia B (LAW); Poag, Christopher C (LAW); Nelson, Lance B (LAW); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Crome, Cora J (GOV)

Subject: Ethics Question re Possible Foreign Processing Request Atty Client/Deliberative Process Privilege

Attorney General Colberg,

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 12:46 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Todd
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Press Conference Info

Thank you!

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From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2008 12:40:34

To:fek9wnr@yahoo.com, gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: FW: Press Conference Info

Please see attached RGA Press Conference talking points that just came in from RGA for your information. I have pasted into the email in case you are unable to open the attachment. This press conference is from 1:00 - 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, 04.17.08. Perry is giving remarks and then there is Q&A Time. This is listed in your binder. Thanks, Janice

Talking Points for RGA Press Conference

On Tuesday, Senator McCain released his economic plan. His focus on policy at a critical time for our nation's economy stands in sharp contrast to the political games being played by the Democrats. While Obama complains about bitter voters in Pennsylvania, Senator McCain is proposing a summer gas tax holiday, middle class tax cuts, a simpler tax code, and the elimination of pork barrel spending. As Clinton exaggerates her experience, Senator McCain is offering straight talk on the economy and is working to lower trade barriers, tackle entitlements, and encourage growth and innovation.

Topline Messaging Points:

- On Tuesday, John McCain proposed a comprehensive plan for getting the economy back on track while implementing the reforms that will maintain America's economic strength for the 21st century. John McCain outlined his vision for growing the economy and contrasted that vision with Senators Obama's and Clinton's plans to raise taxes,

continue wasteful spending and isolate the United States from the global economy..

- John McCain will act quickly and decisively to meet today's economic challenges.

- John McCain believes we must act now to grow our economy both in the near-term and the long-term.

- John McCain is prepared to lead our economy. With years of experience working on economic issues, he knows what we must do now to grow our economy today.

A Near-Term Agenda For Economic Growth:

- HIGHER LIVING COSTS: John McCain will enact a summer gas tax holiday, stop filing the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to reduce demand, and end policies that contribute to higher living costs.

- HOUSING CRISIS: John McCain has proposed a new "HOME Plan" to provide robust, timely and targeted help to those hurt by the housing crisis. He has also called for a Justice Department task force to investigate wrongdoing in the mortgage industry.

- STUDENT LOANS: John McCain is proposing a student loan continuity plan that will coordinate policies with the states to keep the credit crunch from hurting college students.

A Long-Term Agenda For Economic Growth:

- MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUTS: John McCain will cut taxes on middle class families. He will permanently repeal the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) saving a middle class family with children an average of over $2,700. He will also double the personal exemption for dependents.

- PRO-GROWTH TAX POLICY: John McCain will keep taxes low by fighting efforts to raise taxes and making it harder to raise taxes. He will keep the current rates on dividends and capital gains while permitting businesses to immediately deduct the cost of equipment and technology.

- CORPORATE TAX CUT: John McCain will reduce the federal corporate tax rate to 25 percent from 35 percent. By reducing the corporate tax rate, we will get rid of a drag on economic growth and job creation, and help American workers compete with any company in the world.

- INNOVATION TAX CUTS: John McCain will ban Internet taxes and new cell phone

taxes, and establish a permanent tax credit equal to 10 percent of wages spent on research and development.

- SIMPLER TAXES: John McCain proposes an alternative new and simpler tax system. When this reform is enacted, all who wish to stay under the current system could still do so, but everyone else could choose a vastly less complicated system with two tax rates and a generous standard deduction.

- ELIMINATING WASTEFUL SPENDING: John McCain will stop earmarks, pork-barrel spending and waste. He proposes a one-year spending pause so as to evaluate all spending programs. He will veto any pork-barrel project that crosses his desk.

- ENTITLEMENTS: John McCain will reform Social Security, act to control Medicare growth and believes we should not subsidize prescription drugs for America's most affluent individuals.

- TRADE: John McCain will lower trade barriers to ensure that foreign markets are open to American goods.

- UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE: John McCain will implement badly needed reforms to the Unemployment Insurance system by creating Lost Earning Buffer Accounts (LEBs) to help workers when they lose a job.

- HEALTH CARE REFORM: John McCain has proposed comprehensive health care reform that will address rising costs and make the system more responsive to the needs of American families.

- ENERGY: As President, John McCain will propose a real national strategy for energy security.

Contrast With Democrats:

- The American people have a clear choice in this election. While John McCain supports pro-growth tax cuts, both Senators Obama and Clinton support a massive tax increase on the American people that will hurt Americans of every background – seniors, parents, small business owners and investors of every size.

- Senators Obama and Clinton have championed a long list of pork-barrel projects. That kind of careless spending of tax dollars is not change, but business as usual in Washington.

Senators Obama and Clinton preach the false virtues of economic isolationism. Opening new

markets for American goods and services is indispensable to our future prosperity.

From: Christie Mueller [mailto:cmueller@RGA.ORG]

Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 8:59 AM

To: Christie Mueller

Subject: FW: Press Conference Info

Please add this to the Governor's briefing or e-mail it to the staffer that is traveling with the Governor to the press conference on Thursday. These are new talking points regarding Senator McCain's latest major economic proposal that he made public today.

Thank you for your help. Please let me know if you are not able to get this to the appropriate person and I will be sure to hand deliver a copy.

Thanks,

Christie

From: Chris Schrimpf

Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 12:50 PM

To: Christie Mueller

Subject: Press Conference Info

Can you send this to the Governors; contacts that are coming to the press conference and ask them to add it to the briefing? Senator McCain gave his major economic proposal today

and the press conference we're having will be about the presidential race and the economy. The attached give info about McCain's economic plan.

Chris Schrimpf

Communications Director

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From: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RHUGHES]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 11:47 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Fw: radio station letter

Governor,

Sunny drafted this letter for you regarding the derogatory comments made on the Woody and Wilcox show. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
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----- Original Message -----

From: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)

To: Cayce, Sunny C (GOV)

Sent: Tue Apr 15 11:01:03 2008

Subject: Re: radio station letter

Thanks, Sunny. Will look into it.

----- Original Message -----

From: Cayce, Sunny C (GOV)

To: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Sent: Tue Apr 15 10:47:19 2008

Subject: radio station letter

Hi Rosanne,

Here's my shot at the letter we talked about yesterday. Can you run this by the Governor and see if she still wants to send it out?

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Thanks.

Sunny Cayce

Executive Assistant to the

Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff

Office of the Governor

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From: Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=KJREHFELD]

Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 3:06 PM

To: GOV Commissioners; 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)

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Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 7:24 AM
To: 'gov.palin@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: LG website--just a heads up/We put this up today.

Will do.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.palin@yahoo.com <gov.palin@yahoo.com>

To: Hughes, Rosanne (GOV)

Sent: Tue Apr 15 07:03:34 2008

Subject: Fw: LG website--just a heads up/We put this up today.

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From: gov.palin@yahoo.com

Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2008 14:54:03

To:"Sean personal2" <Privileged or Personal I>

Subject: Re: LG website--just a heads up/We put this up today.

Nice! I hope we got a message up on our Gov's site too. I'll remind Comm folks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Sean Parnell <Privileged or Personal I>

Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2008 22:18:33

To:gov.palin@yahoo.com

Subject: LG website--just a heads up/We put this up today.

Legislature Adjourns

Governor Palin and I are pleased that the legislature completed Alaska's 2008 legislative session within the 90-day deadline. A number of the administration's priorities were successfully achieved by the end of this session, as we attempt to transfer our state's natural resource wealth into tangible benefits to Alaskan communities and citizens. Highlights include education funding system improvements and increases, increased community revenue sharing, PERS/TRS liability relief, a comprehensive crime package, and our Capstone avionics program for safer skies.

Despite these successes and a $5 billion deposit into savings, the explosive, unsustainable growth in spending must be stopped. Even in the current season of unprecedented revenue, spending must remain principled and targeted at constitutional priorities. The Palin-Parnell Administration remains committed to living within our means and slowing the growth of government, not just for the sake of the now, but for generations to come.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 5:27 AM
To: Katz; John W (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Earmarks/Alaska Congressional Delegation

Thanks John. Appreciate the info - amazing that some still want to claim we'd essentially turn down federal dollars if they came via earmarked projects. We're on the right path with our true message though. Thank you.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2008 09:00:36

To:"Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, "Mike Tibbles"<mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Karen Rehfeld" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>, "Kris Perry"<kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>, "Mike Nizich" <Mike.Nizich@alaska.gov>

Subject: Earmarks/Alaska Congressional Delegation

There isn't much that's new in this = article from E&E. However, I wanted you to see it, because it's = a good summary of the current situation, mentions the Governor by name, = and is what political junkies are talking about in DC.

The article also describes the reasons why the = Congressional delegation is so sensitive to our measured approach on = earmarks. For us here, all of this is background noise, as we are = continuing to advocate for the State budget requests submitted = previously. However, I suspect that the factors articulated in the = article will influence the delegation's ultimate success in this = year's appropriations process.

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CAMPAIGN 2008: Rivals hope to turn Alaska lawmakers' = influence over purse strings into political weakness (= 04/15/2008)

Alex Kaplun, E&E Daily reporter

For decades, Alaska's two senior Republican lawmakers built their = political careers and repeated electoral successes in large part on their = ability to bring federal dollars back to America's largest state.

But with a changing political climate across the country -- and perhaps = more importantly -- the state itself, Sen. Ted Stevens and Rep. Don Young = -- may find that what has long been considered one of their biggest = political advantages may not be much help in perhaps their fiercest = electoral challenges in decades.

Indeed, Democrats hope that the two GOP lawmakers' once-perceived = strength of padding federal legislation with millions of dollars for their = home state will help lead to their downfall. The races are especially = attractive because Stevens and Young were seen as virtually untouchable = just a couple of years ago.

Stevens has been revered as the most popular politician in Alaska = history, praised by local officials as being a one-man economic engine for = the state and repeatedly fighting for Alaska's interests in the four = decades that he has held that post. Young, likewise, has had only a couple = of tough electoral fights since capturing Alaska's lone House seat more = than three decades ago.

During their long tenures on Capitol Hill, the two lawmakers have = secured powerful posts that assured their home state was consistently = among the biggest, if not the very biggest, per capita recipient of = federal dollars -- an achievement that traditionally garnered them praise = in Alaska.

But more recently, Stevens and Young have become the poster children = for anti-earmarking crusaders and fiscal conservatives, who have criticized= the two as being among Congress' biggest "porkers" in part for their = much-publicized efforts to secure hundreds of millions of dollars for two = controversial bridges in their home states.

Normally, such attacks may not have mattered a great deal and political = observers say that no matter how much the two are criticized by interest = groups in the lower 48 states, their political undoing will not be the = earmarks themselves. But they add that the state's somewhat changing = attitude -- led in part by the popular Gov. Sarah Palin (R) -- toward = federal spending may not provide the buffer that it once did for the two = incumbents.

"I think Alaskans in general appreciate being able to tap into the = federal largess and all the benefits for it," said Jerry McBeath, a = University of Alaska-Fairbanks political science professor and an expert = on Alaska politics. "But it was highly embarrassing for Alaskans to be = perceived nationally of milking the federal cow excessively."

Democrats have recruited their preferred candidates to challenge both = incumbents, with former state house Minority Leader Ethan Berkowitz (D) = running against Young and Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich (D) poised to = challenge Stevens. Begich, son of former Rep. Nick Begich (D-Alaska), has = thus far only formed an exploratory committee and has not fully committed = to the campaign, but Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee Chairman = Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) told reporters last week that he expects Begich to = run.

A Rasmussen Reports poll released last week showed Stevens in a virtual = dead heat with Begich, capturing 46 percent of the vote to 45 percent for = the potential challenger. A separate poll conducted by Hays Research in = Alaska showed Young trailing an unnamed Democratic challenger, 41 percent = to 34 percent.

Both Young and Stevens also face primary challenges, though Young's is = viewed as being somewhat more serious since Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell (R) = unexpectedly entered the race last month.

Corruption, earmark investigations

The single biggest problem heading into the election for Young and = Stevens is the specter of corruption issues hanging above the incumbents' = heads -- in some cases ones related to earmarks.

The FBI and IRS raided Stevens' Alaska home last July to investigate = remodeling work there as a possible link to a bribery case involving oil = services company VECO, and Stevens said the FBI asked him to preserve = records as investigators continue their examination. Stevens' son, former = state Senate President Ben Stevens (R), is also under investigation.

Young has also been embroiled in the VECO scandal as the firm contribute= d heavily to his campaign.

Additionally, Young has faced questions about an earmark that he = secured for a Florida road construction project after accusations surfaced = that he received $41,000 in campaign contributions from a developer who = stood to benefit from the earmark. The Florida lawmaker who represents the = district did not ask for the earmark and Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) intends = to offer an amendment this week on the Senate floor that would setup a = bipartisan commission to investigate the earmark.

Primarily because of those scandals, polls show that the approval = ratings for Stevens falling to about 50 percent and in some cases below 40 = percent for Young.

Already, Young's challengers are taking aim at the long-term incumbent = over his earmark positions.

In a debate last month, candidates from both parties jumped on Young = for both the Florida and the "Bridge to Nowhere" earmarks, accusing the = incumbent of harming the state's reputation. Young, however, said that he = would continue to ask for earmarks and that he is proud of every earmark = he has brought to the state.

Democrats in Washington have also made clear that they intend to attack = Young on the earmark issue, using it to portray the lawmaker as someone = who is an embarrassment to Alaska voters. "People of Alaska have to be = wondering what their congressman is doing getting favors for an intersectio= n in Florida," Maryland Rep. Chris Van Hollen, the Democratic Congressional= Campaign Committee chairman, said last week. "You don't want someone who = is going to embarrass you in Washington, and he's been an embarrassment to = the people of Alaska."

The Alaska Democratic Party has also launched a Web site -- RetireTed.com <http://retireted.com/> -- that highlights = the Bridge to Nowhere and other earmarks as one of the reasons why = Alaskans should vote to remove Stevens, arguing that the earmarks have = been used by Stevens to reward his associates and have shined a negative = light on the state.

Already, it is apparent that lawmakers are responding somewhat to the = changing political climate regarding earmarks. Both Stevens and Sen. Lisa = Murkowski (R-Alaska) earlier this year announced that they would make = public all earmark requests received by their offices.

Stevens, however, has also repeatedly defended Congress' power to = earmark, arguing that it represented an effective way to meet the needs of = the state and that federal agencies would not necessarily do any better = job of spending those dollars. "Those of us that get elected by Alaskans = go and listen to people in boroughs, listen to the state Legislature, = listen to people in the city governments," he said earlier this year. "We = try to get Congress to approve what they ask for and the only way we can = do that is through the earmark process."

And though Stevens and Young supporters acknowledge that the incumbents = could have tougher election cycle this year than in the past, they = maintain that voters will still place substantial value in having = representatives in Washington who know how to secure money for the = state.

"It is still important to Alaskans," said Dave Dittman, an Anchorage-bas= ed pollster who works for Stevens. "They don't like waste in general, but = they don't view the projects for Alaskans to be wasteful."

Beyond the earmarks, Dittman argued that Stevens in particular has = built up goodwill among the electorate through his constituent work on = behalf of individual residents -- something that is particularly important = for a population that feels far removed from the federal government in = Washington.

"A lot of their strength and support has been not so much what they = could bring to Alaska but they could for Alaskans when they had problems = with the federal government," he said. "When everything went wrong and you = had nowhere else to go and you had to solve a problem, you would go to = Senator Stevens."

Popular Palin

One potential problem in the arguments made by Stevens and Young on the = value of seniority and ability to tap into federal dollars is Palin, who = is enjoying high approval ratings and has called on the state to move away = from heavy reliance on earmarks.

"We can and must continue to develop our economy, because we cannot and = must not rely so heavily on federal government earmarks," Palin said in = her State of the State address earlier this year. "Let us power up and = produce for Alaska and America. We can do this -- we're 50 years old now, = and it's time."

Indeed, Stevens has also said that with Alaska being a state now for = more than 50 years, it may have less need for earmarks. "Stevens several = years ago started telling state officials that it was a harder and harder = sell to bring money to Alaska because the state's development was no = longer young," McBeath said.

At the same time, Stevens has publicly criticized state officials for = seemingly not supporting federal earmarks while not providing alternatives = on how to fund the state's needs.

Political observers say that clash on earmarks represents only part of = the schism that exists between Palin and her allies -- including the = lieutenant governor that is challenging Young -- and the old guard that = has controlled state politics for decades.

It is unclear at this point, just how much that division will hurt = Young and Stevens. Still, observers say that if nothing else the governor's= anti-earmark rhetoric could undermine at least some of their campaign = message.

"There's a huge schism in Alaska Republican politics and that sort of = defines it right there," said Anchorage pollster Anne Hays, whose polls = show Palin's approval ratings at more than 80 percent. "The governor's = numbers have just continued to be off the chart and her position has been = transparency and no earmarks."

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Please note that my email address has = changed. My new email address = is <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. = Thank you .=

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 11:00 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Weekly: 4/15 - Illicit: The Dark Trade--Must See TV

From: membership@uschamber.com [mailto:membership@uschamber.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 10:51 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Weekly: 4/15 - Illicit: The Dark Trade--Must See TV

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April 15, 2008

Illicit: The Dark Trade--Must See TV

By Tom Donohue

Last week we discussed how the theft of intellectual property (IP) is really an attack on innovation and ideas, two things that drive America's economy.

It's easy to cite statistics that underscore the severity of the problem. For example, the theft of IP through counterfeiting and piracy costs the U.S. economy $250 billion annually and have wiped out 750,000 jobs. It costs the global economy about $650 billion a year.

But it's hard to capture the human toll IP theft has on consumers, workers, businesses, and countries around the globe. That is, until now. Tomorrow night PBS will air an important special by National Geographic called *Illicit--The Dark Trade*.

Join the conversation.

Capital Roundup

Here are a few of the exclusive stories appearing on our Web site this week. Visit uschambermagazine.com for the very latest news, updates, and special features.

President to Address Small Business Summit
President George W. Bush will speak at America's Small Business Summit 2008 on Friday, April 18. The nation's 43rd president will address attendees on small business policy and the U.S. economy.

Josten Among Top Lobbyists, Says *CEO Update*
The Chamber's top lobbyist, Bruce Josten, was featured in an article on "the most effective lobbyists in Washington" in a recent issue of *CEO Update*. The article profiled 12 top trade group leaders and asked for their tips for success.

Member Benefits

New Discounts with FedE
U.S. Chamber members receive discounts up to 21% on select F Express® services, up to 12% o select FedEx Ground® services up to 20% on select FedEx Kink services. Members call 800-345 6227 and mention code 14 or vi online for more information and sign up.

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"I am honored to be recognized the United States Chamber of Commerce for the third straight Small business owners and American workers will always ha my vote when it comes to suppo legislation that encourages grow and commerce."

--Rep. Ted Poe (R-TX), on recei the Chamber's Spirit of Enterpri Award, April 10

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Business and the Environm

Chamber Honors Spirit of Enterprise Award Recipients
The U.S. Chamber awarded 239 members of Congress with a Spirit of Enterprise Award for their pro-growth votes in the first session of the 110th Congress.

Chamber Plans Massive Push for Colombia FTA
The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has launched a multimillion-dollar grassroots and advocacy campaign to gain congressional approval of a trade promotion agreement with Colombia.

Chamber Report Documents Critical Infrastructure Needs
America's transportation infrastructure has fallen into such disrepair that it is now threatening the competitiveness of key sectors of the U.S. economy, according to a report released by the U.S. Chamber and its coalition, Americans for Transportation Mobility.

Businesses can prepare themselves for questions this Earth Day with the following facts about their contributions to a better environment.

Download the PDF.

Webcast

Election 2008: The Future of U.S. Healthcare
How will the presidential candidates' health care proposals affect your business? Here's your chance to find out. Tomorrow the Chamber's Council on Small Business will host a live Web cast with candidate representatives.

Watch the Webcast tomorrow.

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From: Alfa Fish [alfafish@ptialaska.net]

Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 5:55 PM

To: Palin; Sarah H (GOV)

Cc: Thomas; Bill (LAA); Wilson; Peggy A (LAA); Stedman; Bert K (LAA); martinkcox@gmail.com; Crome; Cora J (GOV); Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association; Walt & Megan Pasternak; Steve Fish; Dan Falvey; philwyman@hotmail.com; terry_joana@yahoo.com; norm pillen; jefarv@gmail.com; Richard Curran

Subject: SB 221 funding for SSSC hatchery project

Dear Governor Palin,

I am writing on behalf of the Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association to urge you to support funding for the Sitka Sound Science Center, enabling this group of dedicated and knowledgeable people to operate the Sheldon Jackson hatchery.

As you are aware, the closure of Sheldon Jackson College has had profound effects on the community of Sitka. We mourn the loss of this institute of higher learning; we miss the students and faculty, and we fear the loss of the unique hands on experience the College offered students at the hatchery. No other college in America has a working hatchery; no other college provides students with the opportunity to participate in the operation and management of a working hatchery. Sitkans involved with the Sitka Sound Science Center (SSSC) recognize the value of this facility and the educational opportunities it affords; they have worked hard to design a viable management plan for the hatchery that will preserve both its scientific and educational aspects. If funded, the SSSC hatchery program will help maintain at least this one important aspect of Sheldon Jackson College, and in so doing improve the attractiveness of the campus to educational institutions that are considering investments in the campus.

On behalf of ALFA's membership I urge you to support funding for the SSSC as described in Senate Bill 221 on page 19.

Thank you for your attention to this issue and for your commitment to Alaska's schools, fisheries, and communities.

Sincerely,

Linda Behnken
Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association
403 Lincoln Street, Ste. 237
Sitka, AK 99835

Unknown

From: Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association [alfa.staff@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 9:16 AM

To: Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Crome; Cora J (GOV)

Subject: Funding for SJ Hatchery and the Sitka Sound Science Center

Hello Governor Palin,

I am writing to urge you to support inclusion of funding for the Sheldon Jackson Hatchery and the Sitka Sound Science Center in the state operating budget. I believe this item is referenced as follows: Alaska State Capitol budget bill SB221 page 19, funding to to support the Sitka Sound Science Center to manage the Sheldon Jackson Hatchery.

I know that Dr. Keith Cox and others have been working hard to secure long term funding to support the hatchery and also establish the Sitka Sound Science Center. I am a marine biologist having spent nearly 25 years working for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. I am now retired from the State and working as a fisheries consultant for myself dba Coastal Marine Research. I have long felt that Sitka should have a world class marine research facility here - we are the gateway to the Gulf of Alaska and Sitka Sound is a unique and critical marine habitat. Additionally the maintenance of the hatchery and the Science Center will help inform locals and tourists alike as to the rich bounty of Alaska's marine environment by providing a hands on experience with marine life and a salmon hatchery.

I know there are many pieces to the budget and it is a juggling act to find the correct balance. However, this is a small amount of money that will provide large positive impacts for the city of Sitka and the State. I hope you will agree and leave this item in the budget.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

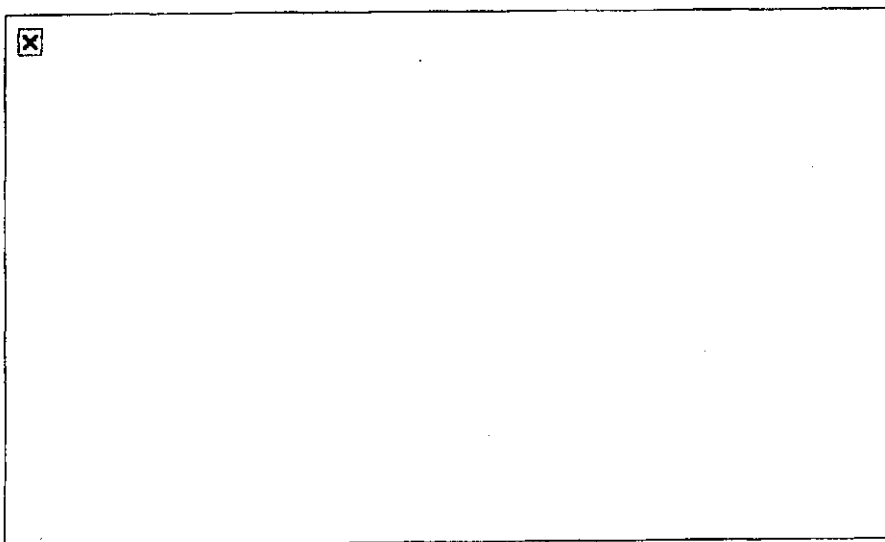
Victoria (Tory) O'Connell
Coastal Marine Research

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 9:24 AM
To: Kim; Anna C (GOV)
Subject: FW: Property Tax Exemption

From: James Tipps [mailto:james@roughridersak.org]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2008 2:06 PM
To: 'Craig Duncan'; james@roughridersak.org
Cc: 'Sara Chambers'; 'Merrill Sanford'; Rod_Swope@ci.juneau.ak.us; 'Robin Potter'; Palin, Sarah H (GOV); marcos@roughridersak.org; jbradley@roughridersak.org
Subject: RE: Property Tax Exemption

Craig,

Not trying to bug you (too much) but I was wondering if you had a chance last week to look into the State Laws as they relate to the tax issue I outlined for you?

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From: Craig Duncan [mailto:Craig_Duncan@ci.juneau.ak.us]
Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2008 1:59 PM
To: james@roughridersak.org
Cc: Sara Chambers; Merrill Sanford; Rod Swope; Robin Potter; sarah.palin@alaska.gov; marcos@roughridersak.org; jbradley@roughridersak.org
Subject: RE: Property Tax Exemption

James,
Sorry for the confusion. You are correct I left out the word "not". It makes a little bit of a difference.

Regarding the section of the state law you referenced, most of our property tax levy is for education. We

are required to contribute 4 mills of the full and true value, but we also contribute up to the amount allowed by State law. My reference to 4 mills was in a different context. Our total levy is just over 10 mills and approximately 8 mills is for education.

Right now I am swamped with the budget. I will spend sometime early next week reviewing the State laws to see if I think there is any flex that would allow for an exemption.
Craig

From: James Tipps [mailto:james@roughridersak.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2008 12:19 PM
To: Craig Duncan
Cc: Sara Chambers; Merrill Sanford; Rod Swope; Robin Potter; sarah.palin@alaska.gov; marcos@roughridersak.org; jbradley@roughridersak.org
Subject: RE: Property Tax Exemption

Craig,

Did you mean to say you CAN'T advise on the ANCSA?

Let me give you the rundown on where we are at with Goldbelt, and how we got there...

BEFORE the push to close Echo Cove, Rough Riders AK, Inc. approached city, state and federal agencies to try to find a solution to the overcrowding at Echo Cove and the resource damage caused by over use. We asked for a dedicated access point, signage and permission to do trail maintenance. After about a year, Docks & Harbors "Found" an old ordinance, in effect since the 70's but NEVER enforced or even known of by CBJ officials. At this point we approached Goldbelt, Inc about using their land "Legally". We received an Adamant NO! We countered with options for user fees, area maintenance, Landowner Liability insurance, etc... Still No.

Several months later we received a call from Bob Martin at Goldbelt. Now there was some interest in a possible agreement. The requirements were as follows:

- Rough Riders AK, Inc. will provide Landowner Liability Insurance that would cover all users of the land - We can do this but to be covered the person MUST be a member of the Club.
- Rough Riders AK, Inc. will provide ALL enforcement on site
- Goldbelt will require a user fee of some sort. The actual fee, or method is yet to be determined, but some sort of permit was discussed.
  - This fee will cause the land to revert to Taxable Status for the duration of permit or lease, based on ANCSA. Goldbelt, Inc is aware of this. Rough Riders AK, Inc. MUST ensure that Goldbelt, Inc not incur ANY tax liability. The Attorney for Goldbelt stated that an exemption from CBJ was the only option they could see that would work for them. An option would be for Rough Riders AK, Inc. to agree to pay any Tax liability as a result of our use but the property taxes on such a large parcel would be far more than we could cover.

I have been pouring over State Tax Law and found the following:

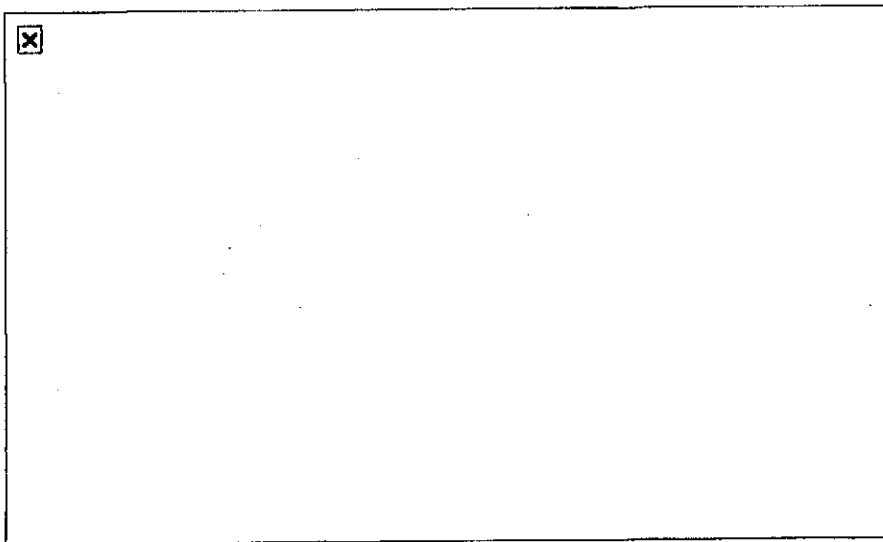
(m) A municipality may by ordinance partially or totally exempt all or some types of economic development property from taxation for up to five years. The municipality may provide for renewal of the exemption under conditions established in the ordinance. ***However, under a renewal, a municipality that is a school district may only exempt all or a portion of the amount of taxes that exceeds the amount levied on other property for the school district****. A municipality may by ordinance permit deferral of payment of taxes on all or some types of economic development property for up to five years. The municipality may provide for renewal of the deferral under conditions established in the ordinance. A municipality may adopt an ordinance under this subsection only if, before it is adopted, copies of the*

proposed ordinance made available at a public hearing on it contain written notice that the ordinance, if adopted, may be repealed by the voters through referendum. An ordinance adopted under this subsection must include specific eligibility requirements and require a written application for each exemption or deferral. In this subsection "economic development property" means real or personal property, including developed property conveyed under 43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq. (Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act), that

(1) has not previously been taxed as real or personal property by the municipality;

Does the highlighted sentence refer to the 4% you were talking about? If not, is this something we can qualify under? My understanding from reading this, which could very well be wrong, is that the limit on the exemption is only on a RENEWAL. Would this allow for an initial 5 year period? I am clueless when it comes to tax issues.

Really what it comes down to is this... Goldbelt is willing to allow this use if they can make money, have no tax or injury liabilities, and have to put ABSOLUTELY NO EFFORT into the process.

Let me know if you have any ideas, or if you know of someone I should talk to.

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From: Craig Duncan [mailto:Craig_Duncan@ci.juneau.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2008 4:56 PM
To: james@roughridersak.org
Cc: Sara Chambers; Merrill Sanford; Rod Swope; sarah.palin@alaska.gov
Subject: RE: Property Tax Exemption

James,
I can really advise you on ANCSA. What were you planning as an arrangement with Goldbelt. Sounds like you were going to enter into a lease. I can understand from Goldbelt that they would not want to assume the liability. Maybe you can work some arrangement with Goldbelt to use the property without entering in to any lessee positions. However, I realize that it is a lot of work to build the trails and you may not want such uncertainty.

Again, I would be happy to give some thought to any ideas you may have.
Craig

From: James Tipps [mailto:james@roughridersak.org]
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2008 3:56 PM
To: Craig Duncan
Cc: Sara Chambers; Merrill Sanford; Rod Swope; sarah.palin@alaska.gov
Subject: RE: Property Tax Exemption

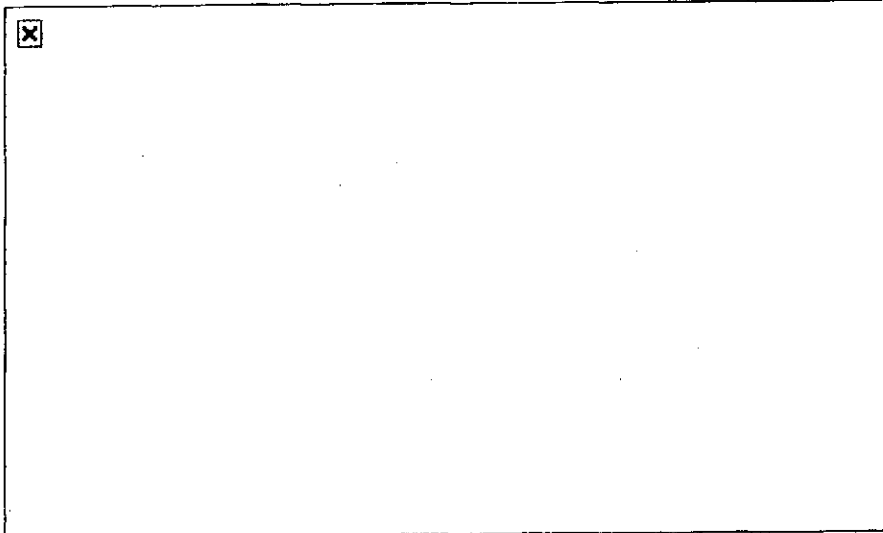
Craig,

Thanks for the input.

Things are not looking good for OHV users in the Juneau area. It seems like the more we try, the more we lose! I know there were issues at Echo Cove but the push for enforcement of a ordinance that hadn't been enforced in 35 years came after we, Rough Riders AK, Inc., approached CBJ & State offices to attempt to make the area safer for all.

It has me afraid to ask questions!

Who is the regulating body for the ANCSA, or who would I contact for more information?

Any input you can provide would be appreciated.

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From: Craig Duncan [mailto:Craig_Duncan@ci.juneau.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2008 3:42 PM
To: james@roughridersak.org
Cc: Sara Chambers; Merrill Sanford; Rod Swope; sarah.palin@alaska.gov
Subject: RE: Property Tax Exemption

James,
I understand you concerns. However, in Alaska a local government's ability to tax (or in this case not to tax) is governed by the State. The State's interest is in getting their share. Under the State's funding formula for education local governments are required to contribute 4% of all property they could tax. The State then withholds the equivalent of the 4% in State support to the school districts. If we optionally exempt property, we are still required to contribute the 4%. This means we go backwards by 4 mills when we provide optional exemptions.

In this case, you have an unusual situation of dealing with ANCSA where the business purpose is a nominal amount. The taxation of the property stays with owner unless the owner is exempt. If the owner is exempt then the taxation of the property falls to a lessee if that lessee is determined to be taxable. We can likely deal with the taxable status of the OHV group. This could be a community purpose exemption if you have a 501(c) (3) or (4) designation. However, the taxable status to the owner creates a problem that likely has no tax relief solution. The real tax issue in this case is to somehow be allowed to use the property without jeopardizing the ANCSA required exemption or being able to provide Goldbelt with an optional exemption or transferring the property to an exempt organization.

On your question about lessening the burden, it is not as simple as stated. If the property is assessable, then it must be assessed at full value unless it is personal property that can be flat taxed (note an airplane is personal property) or optionally exempted and the mill levy must be consistent across the area levied. Mr. Van Sant's comment may refer to flat taxing aircraft or reducing the mill levy within the area. Both of which do not help the OHV Park situation.

If you have any thoughts on this, I would be happy to discuss them with you. I have both a dirt bike and 4 wheeler and having a place to ride would be great.
Craig

From: James Tipps [mailto:james@roughridersak.org]
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2008 2:54 PM
To: Craig Duncan; Sara Chambers; Merrill Sanford; Rod Swope; sarah.palin@alaska.gov
Subject: RE: Property Tax Exemption

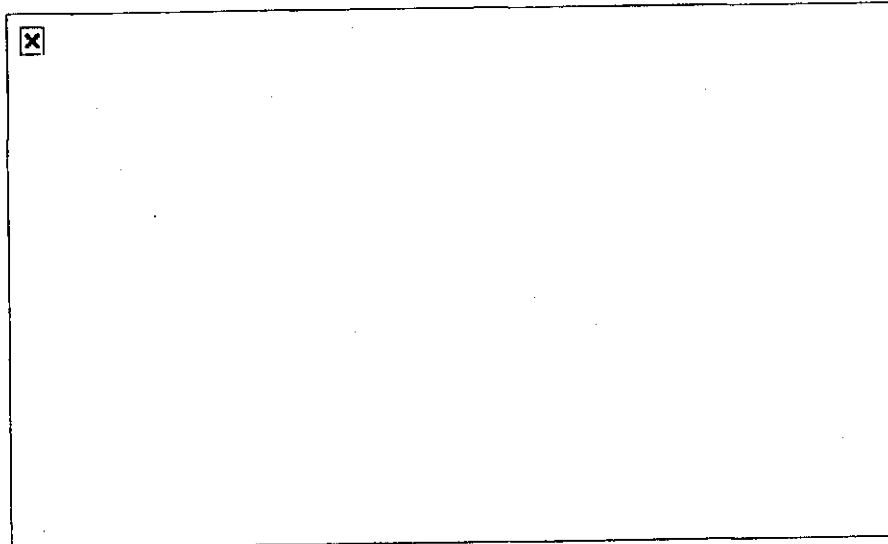
After more research it turns out that the exemption made by the Assembly for Executive Flight was illegal. I have attached the responses from the State as well as CBJ law dept.

Page 2 , Paragraph one of the State Assessor memo states that "There are alternatives available to the Assembly to lessen the taxation burden..." Can anyone tell me what these are and how much the potential" Lessening" of the tax burden would/could be?

This is an issue that CBJ has shown support for, and it seems there should be a way to remedy the tax issue. So I guess my question is, how much support does the OHV community have from the CBJ? The North Douglas OHV Park has turned into a situation that is destined to fail. Even if the permits are approved by the Planning Commission (which I highly doubt), the opponents have made it clear that they will continue to do EVERYTHING in their power to get it closed down.

This opportunity with Goldbelt would essentially solve the OHV problem in Juneau. I find it hard to believe that there are no options to remove the tax burden.

Rough Riders AK, Inc. cannot afford to pay the property taxes that Goldbelt would incur from our use of the property. This would provide both a short, and long term solution. As it is, where is the OHV community supposed to recreate this summer?

So, two years later, I am asking the same question... Is there anything that anyone can do, or is willing to do, to help find a short term solution to the Juneau OHV issue?

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From: Craig Duncan [mailto:Craig_Duncan@ci.juneau.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2008 2:05 PM
To: james@roughridersak.org
Cc: Sara Chambers; Merrill Sanford; Rod Swope; Robin Potter
Subject: RE: Property Tax Exemption

James,
The Assembly can only grant exemptions within the structure of the State Statutes. To be exempt you/we would need to find a category within the State Statutes that would qualify the property for optional exemption purposes. State real property assessments breakdown into 3 categories; taxable, optionally exempt (29.45.050) and required to be exempt. If the property becomes taxable to Goldbelt, then it would be Goldbelt that would need to meet one of the State's optional exemptions.
Craig Duncan

From: James Tipps [mailto:james@roughridersak.org]
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2008 12:37 PM
To: Craig Duncan
Cc: Sara Chambers; Merrill Sanford; Rod Swope
Subject: RE: Property Tax Exemption

Craig,

Just to clarify...

Based on the ANCSA, Goldbelt will no longer be exempt on the land if we lease it. Once we are no longer using the land it will revert back to non taxed status. They understand and accept this. The issue is what can be done by CBJ to exempt the land used from taxes during the lease period. The Assembly has, in the past, granted exemption in a similar situation.

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From: Craig Duncan [mailto:Craig_Duncan@ci.juneau.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2008 12:12 PM
To: Robin Potter
Cc: Martha Torres; Rod Swope; Jane Sebens; Barbara Ritchie; james@roughridersak.org
Subject: RE: Property Tax Exemption

Ok, thanks.

From: Robin Potter
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2008 12:02 PM
To: Craig Duncan
Cc: Martha Torres; Rod Swope; Jane Sebens; Barbara Ritchie; 'james@roughridersak.org'
Subject: RE: Property Tax Exemption

Craig,

I have had several conversations and email exchanges with Mr. Tripp in this regard over the past month. I forwarded his questions to the Law Dept, and have spoken with both Barbara Ritchie and Jane Sebens on several occasions in regard to this matter. Jane researched the legalities of the situation, contacted both myself and Mr. Tripp directly last week, then followed up with me on the situation afterward. My understanding of the situation is;

Roughriders AK Inc. has a 501(c) 3 status with the IRS, but the community purpose exemption application will only apply to property that they own, not lease.

Goldbelt offered to allow Roughriders AK Inc. land to use for the OHV park, on the

condition that it not cost Goldbelt any time, money or effort on their part and it not change their exemption status. ANSCA regulations specifically state the exemption is lost on any property that is leased to another entity on that portion that is involved, so Goldbelt would become taxable. Roughriders is requesting approximately 400 acres to my understanding. Jane explained to Mr. Tripp that the options could be, if Roughrider would pay the taxes on the property that Goldbelt would lose their exemption on, then it is possible Goldbelt would be amenable to the proposition.

Possessory interest would apply to a private entity such as Roughriders AK Inc, leasing publicly owned land, however the tax liability is attributable to the private entity.

Robin

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"If you hear that someone is speaking ill of you, instead of trying to defend yourself you should say: "He obviously does not know me very well, since there are so many other faults he could have mentioned"" ~ Epictetus

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From: Craig Duncan
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2008 10:51 AM
To: Robin Potter
Cc: Martha Torres
Subject: FW: Property Tax Exemption

Robin,
Below is a request from Assembly member Chambers. If I missed anything, would you make sure the correct information gets on to Mr. Tripp. I did respond to Ms. Chambers and Mr. Tripp with the following –

Sara,
The Assessor's Office makes determinations on property exemptions. State Statutes govern what is taxable or exempt. Under the statutes, I can see a couple of potential taxation exemption possibilities. First, to have a possessory interest in the property for taxation purposes, the lessee must have certain rights to the property for a specific time. The fewer rights and the shorter the period, the smaller the assessed value. We also have a Community Purpose exemption available if the use of the property meets certain restrictions. An exemption can be granted if the organization leasing the property has an IRS designation of 501(c) (3) or (4) and the property is open

to the public for community purposes without material fees or individual access restrictions. There is a form to request a Community Purpose exemption available in the Assessor's Office or on our web site – http://www.juneau.org/finance/documents/2008NonProfitExemptAppl.pdf

The original email did include Martha Torres, who is an Appraiser in our Assessing Office. But just incase, I will forward this information on to our Assessor, Robin Potter, for review and response.
Thanks, Craig

From: Sara Chambers
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2008 9:54 AM
To: James Tipps; Craig Duncan
Cc: Rod Swope
Subject: RE: Property Tax Exemption

Craig:

Could you forward this to the appropriate staff and let me know how this might progress? There should be two attachments.

Thank you,

Sara Chambers
Assemblymember
City and Borough of Juneau

From: James Tipps [mailto:james@roughridersak.org]
Sent: Sat 3/29/2008 9:14 PM
To: Sara Chambers
Subject: Fw: Property Tax Exemption

Sara,

The land is out on the uphill side of Echo Cove. Could be as much as 500 acres available.

We need to find out if we can get an exemption on any property taxes they would incur from our "Paid" use of the land. Currently it is exempt land under ANCSA.

I was able to find where the Assembly voted in favor of an exemption in a similar situation. I have attached the minutes from the assembly meetings where the proposal was discussed and again when the exemption was granted. Look for "Executive Flight".

Executive Flight was a company who leased a plane for Medical Transport, to a non-profit, and so they requested an exemption on that plane only. The situation is similar in the fact that Goldbelt is a For-Profit corporation, who would be leasing to a non-Profit (Rough Riders AK, Inc. - 501(c)(3) Public Charity).

The biggest difference I see is the fact that Executive Flight was currently paying tax on the plane (I think it says $32,000 a year) so by granting that exemption CBJ was missing out on money, whereas the land in question is NOT currently taxed, but would become taxable while we were paying to use it, so there would be no loss to the CBJ.

Let me know what you think, and if you know where I should start the process. (I have already contacted the CBJ assessors office and was informed that under current ordinances we do not qualify for any of the optional or required exemptions since we do not own the land.

James Tipps
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----- Original Message -----
From: "Sara Chambers" <Sara_Chambers@ci.juneau.ak.us>
To: <james@roughridersak.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 9:30 AM
Subject: RE: Property Tax Exemption

> Hi, James. How is the PRAC going?
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> Where is the Goldbelt land you are working on? If you have any info let
> me know so I can stay on top of this.
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> Thanks,
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> Sara Chambers
> Assemblymember
> City and Borough of Juneau
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> From: James Tipps [mailto:james@roughridersak.org]
> Sent: Thu 3/13/2008 1:02 PM
> To: Martha Torres
> Cc: Sara Chambers; Merrill Sanford; Rod Swope
> Subject: Property Tax Exemption
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> My name is James Tipps, President of Rough Riders AK, Inc., a 501(c)(3)
> non-profit corporation. Currently we are working with Goldbelt
> corporation to provide an area open to motorized recreation. We have one
> remaining problem that we need to find out how to solve.
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> Currently, the land in question, is under non-Taxed status, as it was
> transferred through the ANCSA. Goldbelt will require a fee from us to use
> the area. The area would be open to club members only. Membership is
> open to the public. Who do we need to speak to to find out about a
> property Tax exemption? The standard forms only seem to apply if we were
> the owners of the land in question. Is this something that we can request
> on behalf of Goldbelt Inc? Goldbelt has made it clear that use of the
> land will be allowed under the following conditions ONLY:
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> * The land MUST remain in non-taxed status or be qualified for a
> property tax exemption AND must revert back to Non-Taxed status if our
> agreement with Goldbelt is terminated.
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> * Rough Riders AK, Inc. MUST do all the footwork. While the

> landowner is willing to work with us they are not willing to put time,
> effort or money into it.
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> There are other conditions that we have already addresses, such as
> insurance and enforcement.
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> Can you please direct me to the person I would need to speak to about
> this? Is this something that will need to go before the Assembly? As our
> proposal for the Fish Creek OHV Park has run into so many delays and so
> much opposition, even if the planning commission rules in our favor, the
> park will not become a reality until late summer 2009 or early summer
> 2010. This leaves no place for summer OHV use for the next year or two.
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> Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.
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> James Tipps
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